

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 36-80 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the examiner agrees with the applicant that the claims are novel and non-obvious.
3. The terms of the claim (reference corpus document score, threshold score, raw document score, profile, and normalization) are interpreted in light of the definitions in Pp. 8-11 of the specification and as further described in the remarks and in the application as a whole.
4. The claims are drawn to a method of determining whether to push documents to a client, based on a user's preferences, through the use of document scoring. While much of the art performs this task, none perform the detailed process described in the claims wherein a set of reference corpus document scores are compared to a delivery ratio, and wherein a separate set of raw document scores is compared to a set of threshold scores, and further wherein the raw document scores are later normalized, the document decision made on the normalized score. Many of the independent claims are further based on the idea of a set of threshold scores for each profile.
5. Of the known art, none teaches or suggests the full calculation method described in the claims, but rather use different formulations. The claims are novel and non-obvious.
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They regard further teachings on the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELVIN H. POLLACK whose telephone number is (571)272-3887. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571) 272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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